CENTRAL PUGET SOUND HOV LANES VARIABLE HOURS OF OPERATION EVALUATON

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PURPOSE:

To present a proposed work plan for the Central Puget Sound HOV Lanes Variable Hours of Operations Evaluation, and to get the Commission's endorsement of that work plan.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

Commission endorsement of the proposed evaluation work plan.

BACKGROUND:

The Secretary and the Commissioners received a letter from House Transportation Chair Ruth Fisher and other house members dated February 28, 2002. This letter asks that the Secretary and Commission explore our policies on hours of operation of the HOV lanes in the Central Puget Sound region, specifically on weekends and during traffic accidents.

DISCUSSION:

A work plan for evaluating variable hours of operation of HOV lanes in the Central Puget Sound region will be developed and brought to the Commission for discussion during the March Meeting. The work plan will be responsive to the House Transportation Committee request, and the Commission will have the opportunity to shape the work plan at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

Endorse the work plan which will be brought to the meeting.

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